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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

PUEBLO SITREP NO. 4  
(As of 1700 EST)

1. Some aspects of the alleged confession of Commander Bucher, captain of the Pueblo, which was broadcast by Pyongyang Radio today, raise questions about its authenticity. Although the speaker has an American accent, the language is stilted and contains expressions an American would be unlikely to use. Bucher's age is given incorrectly. The "confession" stated that the Pueblo "criminally" intruded into North Korean waters and had been ordered to "execute assignments given by the Central Intelligence Agency."

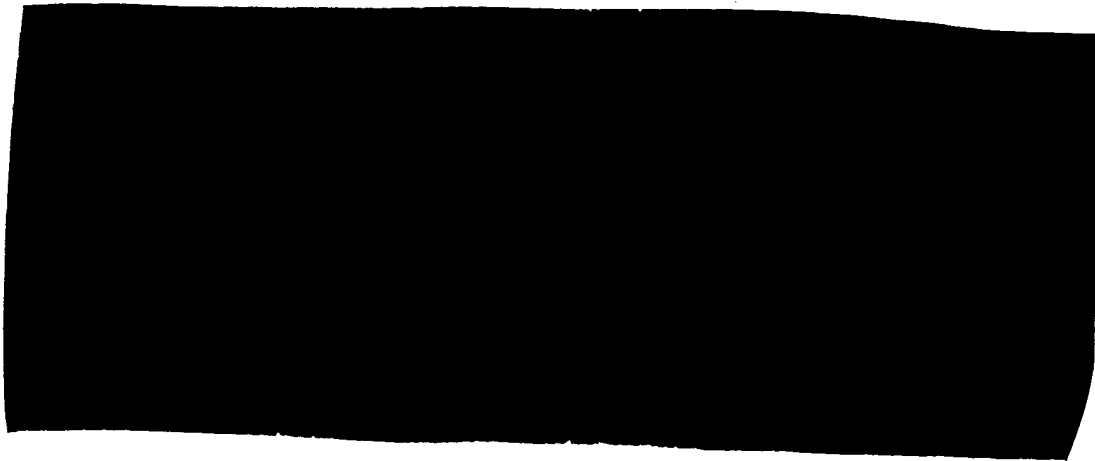
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